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APPENDIX.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 53 asked by Sri **P. Rangaswamy Reddiar at the** meeting **of the Legislative** Assembly held on 5th March 1954, page **477** supra.]

On the evening of the 30th October 1953, a Police constable saw a man loitering near the sweetmeat bazaar in Kozhikode town. This person who was apparently a stranger to the place told the constable that his name was Murugesan; that he was a native of Karunkali gramam in North Arcot district; that a fortnight before, he had murdered his wife and her lover, and also his daughter when she raised an alarm, and that since then he had been wandering from place to place. On the basis of his statement, Murugesan was arrested. He was fed and locked up for the night. The next morning, the prisoner was found vomiting and purging. Before he could be taken to the hospital he died.

2. The Subdivisional Magistrate, Kozhikode, held an inquest over the dead body. The Panchayatdars returned a verdict of death due to natural causes. Thereupon, the Subdivisional Magistrate, sent the corpse to the Assistant Ditrict Medical Officer, Kozhikode for autopsy. The Medical Officer found no external injuries on the body. He sent the viscera and the contents of the stomach for chemical analysis. The Chemical Examiner did not find trace of any poison in the material sent to him. The opinion of the Assistant District Medical Officer is that the prisoner might have died of natural causes.

3. Enquiries were set afoot with a view to establish the identity of the deceased and verify the truth of the statement made by him. In spite of intensive enquiries, it has not been possible to establish his identity.

4. The inquiries made at Karunkaligramam have revealed that there were no cases of murder in the village as stated by the deceased.

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